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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:	:
Stamires, Dennis, et al.	: Docket: ACH2853US
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Serial No.: 10/072,630	: Examiner: Steven J. Bos
Filing Date: February 7, 2002	: Group Art Unit: 1754
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For: PREPARATION AND COMPOSITION	:
OF DOPED ANIONIC CLAY	:

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir,

This is in response to an Official Action, mailed on November 12, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-12 and withdrawing claims 13-20 pursuant to a restriction requirement.

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

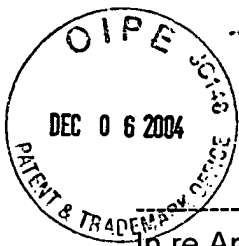
Attached are AMENDED CLAIMS indicating amendments to claim 1 and the withdrawal of claims 13-20.

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☒ Transmitted herewith is a responsive document(s) for this application.  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER IN DUPLICATE; RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116;  
AMENDED CLAIMS; CERTIFICATE OF MAILING; and POST CARD.

The total fee believed due is **\$00.00**. Please charge this amount and any other fees which may be due (including filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17) to Deposit Account No. 01-1350. If an extension of time is required but has not been requested above, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient for the attached document(s) to be timely. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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